

**British-American Interparliamentary Group:** The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appointed the Senator from Vermont (Mr. Leahy) as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 112th Congress. **Page S494**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the ratification of the Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, (the "New START Treaty"); which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-4) **Page S480**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Paul A. Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Arvo Mikkanen, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

4 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

23 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Navy, and Public Health Service. **Pages S495-98**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—9) **Pages S474-75**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S495.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### TAX REFORM

**Committee on the Budget:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine tax reform, focusing on fiscal responsibility, after receiving testimony from C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, and Donald B. Marron, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, both of Washington, D.C.; Rosanne Altshuler, Rutgers University, New York, New York; and Lawrence B. Lindsey, Lindsey Group, Fairfax, Virginia.

### OVERSIGHT: PUBLIC HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine public health and drinking water issues, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Linda S. Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, and Director, National Toxicology Program, Department of Health and Human Services; Kenneth A. Cook, Environmental Working Group, and Diane VanDe Hei, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, both of Washington, D.C.; Charles Murray, Fairfax Water, Fairfax, Virginia, on behalf of the American Water Works Association; and Thomas A. Burke, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland.

### CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, after receiving testimony from John Kroger, Oregon Attorney General, Salem; Randy E. Barnett, Georgetown University Law Center, and Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, both of Washington, D.C.; Walter Dellinger, Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina; and Charles Fried, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Kathleen M. Williams, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senators Nelson (FL) and Rubio, and Mae A.

D'Agostino, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, and Timothy J. Feighery, of New York, to be Chairman of the For-

eign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States, Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 1.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D39)

H.R. 366, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. Signed on January 31, 2011. (Public Law 112-1)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Iraq, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine challenges for the United States economic recovery, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine modernizing performance, focusing on using the new framework, 2 p.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the energy and oil market outlook for the 112th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health, to hold hearings to examine assessing the effec-

tiveness of United States chemical safety laws, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the status of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine simplifying security, focusing on encouraging better retirement decisions, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 23, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform, S. 193, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act, and the nominations of James E. Graves, Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Amy Totenberg, and Steve C. Jones, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, James Emanuel Boasberg, and Amy Berman Jackson, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Paul Kinloch Holmes III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Anthony J. Battaglia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Edward J. Davila, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Diana Saldana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Max Oliver Cogburn, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, Marco A. Hernandez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Susan L. Carney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Michael H. Simon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Sue E. Myerscough, and James E. Shadid, both to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure and budget for the 112th Congress, 10:30 a.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephanie O'Sullivan, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.